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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Max Maier

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**For:** AIR EXTRACTION DEVICE FOR A  
WORKPLACE

**Group:** Not Yet Known

**Examiner:** Not Yet Known

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being co-filed with the new §371 application which is identified above.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

In the German-language text of this application, which is being co-filed herewith, please cancel claims 3 - 28 inclusive, all without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

The complete text of this §371 application, including its claims, is being co-filed herewith in its published German-language version, in order to meet the time limit for its

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